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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Ian MacLachlan, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/243,102

Filed: February 2, 1999

For: SYSTEMIC DELIVERY OF  
SERUM STABLE PLASMID LIPID  
PARTICLES FOR CANCER THERAPY

Examiner: J. Zara

Art Unit: 1635

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2000 for 3 months, from July 10, 2000 to October 10, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$445 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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